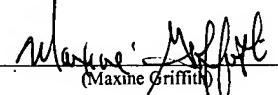
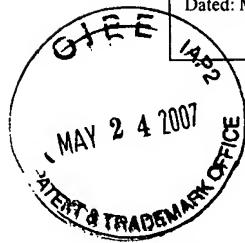


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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed March 7, 2007 in connection with the above-referenced patent application.

Claims 1-51 are pending in the instant application. The Office Action, on page 2, requires restriction to one of the following groups under 35 U.S.C. §121 and §372:

- Group I: Claim(s) 1-16, drawn to a method for analysis of a small molecule.
- Group II: Claim(s) 17-25, drawn to a method for performing cell lysis.
- Group III: Claim(s) 26-31, drawn to a kit for performing cell lysis.
- Group IV: Claim(s) 32-38, drawn to a method for electrophoretically isolating a small molecule from a sample.